SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Construction of a dam across Neyyar.

1. **Mr. A. Gabriel Nadar** (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Referring to the answer to the starred question No. 30 in the Current Session, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many acres of rain-fed paddy fields in the Neyyattinkara Taluk are expected to be fed by the Neyyar Scheme out of the total area of 14,774 acres of paddy fields in that Taluk;

(*b*) how many acres are expected to be newly converted into paddy fields on account of the proposed dam across Neyyar; and

(*c*) what is the estimate of the dam proposed to be put up as per the present cost of materials?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) The whole extent of 14,774 acres referred to.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation.

(*c*) It is difficult to get the necessary materials at present. The cost has been estimated at about 70 lakhs of Rupees.

Match Industries in Travancore.

2. **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether Match Industries in Travancore are not able to manufacture matches to their full capacity for want of proper facilities?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: Government have no information. If any specific requirements are brought to their notice, they will enquire into the matter.

INTERFERENCE BY PRESIDENT IN CASES OF MISREPRESENTATION—NECESSITY OF—

Mr. K. S. Joseph (*Mavelikara and Tiruvella* cum *Pattanamthitta*): Sir I wish to bring to the notice of the President certain practice in the House of Commons regarding interference by the President when there is misrepresentation in the speeches by members. I would in this connection invite the attention of the house to the chapter on "Order in Debate" at page 325 of the 24th edition of May's "Parliamentary Practice." "The use of temperate and decorous language is never more desirable than when a member is canvassing the opinions and conduct of his opponents in debate. The imputation of bad motives, or motives different from those acknowledged, misrepresenting the language of another or

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accusing him in his turn of misrepresentation, charging him with falsehood or deceit or contemptuous or insulting language of any kind—all these are unparliamentary and call for prompt interference."

I would bring to the notice of the President that the day before yesterday, a certain honourable member, in making certain remarks, misrepresented my point of view, and I called for the President's interference. The President replied that he felt it was not his duty to interfere.

President: It is the exact passage which I cited elsewhere on a particular occasion. This refers, as the honourable members will see, to the imputation of bad motives or motives different from those acknowledged, misrepresenting the language of another and accusing him in his turn of misrepresentation. That is on a par with what may be called the imputation of bad motives or stating as a fact, as having been stated by another honourable member, what he had not so stated. That is misrepresentation.

The matter that arose the other day was, I think, a commentary or a suggestion or inference drawn by the honourable member from certain admitted or avowed facts, which is different from misrepresentation. But I am indebted to the honourable member for pointing it out and the honourable member may be assured that these aspects would be borne in mind.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: I may point out one more point. I said: "I congratulate the Government on accepting the principle of compulsory education." But my honourable friend suggested just the opposite—that I was opposed to it. To my mind it seems .....

President: With great respect, No.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: If it is not a misrepresentation, I have nothing more to say in the matter.

President: There is no doubt about it. But so far as I remember, the honourable member said that "though the honourable member went on congratulating the Government, he opposed the grant, and from that I conclude that in spite of his congratulation, he was really against the matter of compulsory education." That is a matter of inference, and that was what I understood from the honourable member.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: That is not how I understood the speech.

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President : May be. I might have been wrong.

ELECTION TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE— POINT OF ORDER RE—

Mr. G. Revi Varma : Under Section 27 of Part II of the Legislative Rules, I raise a point of order. Yesterday, certain elections were conducted in this house, under the presidency of Mr. Govindan, the first member in the Panel of Chairmen. Two members from this honourable house are elected to the Senate under Section 10 (a) of Chapter XVI of the University Statutes. Under that Section, the President of the Sri Chitra State Council is empowered to frame rules for the conduct of elections; and under that Section the President has framed rules. On page 125 of the Council Manual, the following occurs :

> "It is hereby notified that the following rules have been framed by the President of the Sri Chitra State Council under Section 10 (a) of Chapter XVI of the Travancore University Statutes, for the election of members from the Council to the Senate of the University :—
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> "(1) The election of members of the Senate by the Sri Chitra State Council shall ordinarily be conducted during the session of the House on the lines of the election of members of the Public Accounts Committee by the House."

Therefore, the election of the members to the Senate should be conducted on the lines of the elections of the members to the Public Accounts Committee. Rule 79 of the Travancore Legislative Rules prescribes a certain procedure for the election of members to the Public Accounts Committee. I shall read it.

President : That is not necessary, that is admitted.

Mr. G. Revi Varma : There it is stated that the election is to be conducted according to the principle of proportional representation by means of a single transferable vote.....

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : "Or in such other manner".....

Mr. G. Revi Varma : Yes, I am coming to that. Or in such other manner as is prescribed by the Dewan.

President : Order, order. That has already been prescribed. I think the honourable member knows that. I have stated that all these elections would be held by the *ordinary* system of election by ballot. I said it at the very outset. The principle of proportional representation was tried and there arose a general complaint from the members of both the houses of the Legislature, who sent word to me that they wanted that principle to be given

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